

EXHIBIT #6

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3/20/15

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HB-604 committee,

I live in Florence about 2 blocks from the Bitterroot walk/ride trail that currently runs from Lolo to Hamilton. I'm 68 year old and ride a bicycle several times a week for exercise. I contracted polio as a 2 year old and have issues with distance walking, therefore being able to ride for exercise/good health has been great for me.

I have been using the trail for over 10 years as a safe place to ride. Riding on road edges is relatively dangerous. I do not enjoy it and I know drivers are apprehensive when approaching a bicyclist on the highway or I hope they are. The trail has gained increased usage every year.

With all this said I hope you can find maintenance dollars to keep the trails usable for all Montanans in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Dennis Simmerman,

Montana resident 43 years

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